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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: FLOOD RELIEF STATISTICS

REF: A) KARACHI 1894

B) STATE 181635

C) SITREP 25, ISLAMABAD 7761

1. AS SOON AS IT BECAME APPARENT THAT FLOODS WERE SERIOUS, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FURNISH BEST ESTIMATES OF DAMAGE TO DEPARTMENT. OUR PRIMARY SOURCE OF DATA HAS BEEN REPORTS FROM CONGENS KARACHI AND LAHORE. WE HAVE SUPPLEMENTED THIS INFORMATION WITH OBSERVATIONS OF MISSION PERSONNEL SENT TO FLOOD AREAS TO ASSESS DAMAGE, BY UN REPORTS, NEWSPAPERS AND ALL OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES.

2. PUNJAB PROVINCE ESTABLISHED A FLOOD CENTER AT LAHORE WHICH HAS COMPLIED DAILY DAMAGE STATISTICS. THESE HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN SITREPS. SIND PROVINCE HAS NOT COMPLIED SUCH DAILY STATISTICS AND ALTHOUGH KARACHI CONGEN HAS MADE REPEATED REQUESTS. SIND AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTHCOMING WITH DATA AS HAVE THOSE OF PUNJAB. TO ILLUSTRATE PROBLEM, CONGEN LAHORE OBTAINED SIND DATA FROM PUNJAB AUTHORITIES WHICH ALLEDGEDLY CAME FROM "CHIEF SECRETARY, SIND". AT OUR SUGGESTION CONGEN KARACHI CONTACTED SIND CHIEF SECRETARY (REF A) AND WAS TOLD THAT THEY SHOULD CONTACT PROVINCIAL SERVICES OFFICE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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STATISTICS. OFFICIALS THERE STATED INFORMATION WAS

AVAIABLE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, WITH WHOM THEY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT PREVIOUSLY AND WHO HAD PROVIDED ALL DATA PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED. THIS OFFICE ALSO STATED THAT SIND DATA WHICH SURFACED IN LAHORE WAS "RATHER ON THE HIGH SIDE". AT DIRECTION OF PRIME MINISTER, SIND HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO REFINE PREVIOUS FIGURES. WE EXPECT THESE TO BE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 19 AND WILL TRANSMIT PROMPTLY.

3. OUR MOST RECENT DATA FROM SIND WAS FURNISHED BY REF C. IN ADDITION CHARGE' SOBER HAND CARRIED ONE-SHEET SUMMARY OF OUR BEST ESTIMATES OF DAMAGE FOR SIND AND PUNJAB PROVINCES.
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